

State Evangelism Bible Conference

Feb. 1-3; FBC, Vicksburg.

Monday evening session

Theme: "Sin: the tragedy of humanity"

- 6:30 "I will proclaim your greatness my God and King"—Psalm 145:1
Instrumental Music Mississippi Churchmen Instrumental Ensemble
Louis Nicolosi, Director
- 6:45 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised"—Psalm 48:1
Praise from the Keyboard Dot Pray
Irene Martin
Rachel Seago
- "My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness R.L. and Beth Sigrest
- 7:00 Prayer
"Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Dan C. Hall, Leading
Welcome Guy Henderson
- 7:20 Bible Study—"The Church: Purposed in the Heart of God"—
Hebrews 12:22-23 Harper Shannon
- 8:00 Evangelistic Emphasis
- 8:15 Musical Messages
"Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Dan C. Hall, Leading
"Let them all praise the name of the Lord"—Psalm 148:5
Choral Message Church Choir, FBC, Vicksburg
Gary Gregg, Director
- "My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Myrna Loy Hedgepeth
- 8:40 Message—"Separation from God: Now and Forever" Jess Moody
- 9:20 Benediction

Tuesday morning session

Theme: "Love: the nature of God"

- 8:30 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised"—Psalm 48:1
Praise from the Keyboard Dot Pray, Irene Martin, Rachel Seago
- 8:55 "My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Bobby Shurden
- Prayer
"Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Tom Larrimore, Leading
- 9:15 Bible Study—"The Church: Multiplied by the Spirit"—Harper Shannon
Ephesians 2:19-22
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 CONFERENCES
- 11:00 Witness Through Music
"Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Tom Larrimore, Leading
"My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Tommy and Diane Winders
- 11:20 Message—"Who is Jesus Christ?" Jess Moody

Tuesday afternoon session

Theme: "Salvation: our only hope"

- 1:20 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised"—Psalm 48:1
Praise from the Keyboard Dot Pray, Irene Martin, Rachel Seago
"Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Kathryn Barfield, Leading
"My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Bill and Marian Lee
- 1:45 Bible Study—"The Church: Giving Glory to God"—
Ephesians 4:21 Harper Shannon
- 2:15 CONFERENCES
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Kathryn Barfield, Leading
Prayer
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"—Psalm 66:1
Choral Witness Hall Family
Ray Robbins
- 3:45 Message—"Showing Forth His Salvation"
- 4:20 Adjourn

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The Cruse Family sings during the Youth Evangelism Conference.



Youth Evangelism Conference

Evangelist Arthur Blessitt speaks to participants at the 1981 Youth Evangelism Conference at the Mississippi College Coliseum, Dec. 28-29. A total of 2,205 young people registered for the conference. Nine professions of faith

were registered as were 26 commitments to Christian service and more than 100 rededications. The conference is a witness training event sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism Department.

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During Week of Prayer

Home missions emphasis planned for Mississippi

By Tim Nicholas

Mississippi Baptist associations are participating in a major campaign in March to promote the cause of home missions.

For the first time ever, according to Home Mission Board personnel and Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff, the entire state of Mississippi will be exposed to a special emphasis on home missions.

During the 1982 Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for Home Missions, Mar. 7-14, a total of 51 home missionaries and Home Mission Board personnel will travel to Mississippi to speak in churches and groups about home missions. Virtually every association is planning to participate.

Foy Rogers, director of the MBCB's Cooperative Missions Department, and who came up with the idea of inundating the state with the missionaries, explained the rationale for his idea.

Rogers heard Gerald Palmer speak at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in 1980, telling of the lack of monies available for new projects for Bold Missions. Palmer, vice president in

charge of the HMB's Missions Section, said that only about \$200,000 would be available for new projects in 1981.

Rogers decided that personal visits to the churches during the Home Missions emphasis would help in individuals' decisions to give more to home missions, so he began gathering sup-

port for the project to be implemented in 1982.

A pilot project was considered the best way to discover how to put the project to use. Two associations volunteered to participate in the 1981 pilot project: Simpson and Jones.

Gerald Palmer of the HMB was the

"guinea pig" who volunteered to speak in the two associations. In eight days, Palmer spoke to 24 groups in the two Mississippi Counties. Later he told the Baptist Record that they just about wore him out, but that it was a great experience and he would wholeheartedly

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Editorially . . .

Liquor, pornography issues again face legislative action

The 1982 Mississippi Legislative session is well under way, and Mississippi Baptists need to continue to keep themselves well aware of the issues that are being considered by our legislative body.

In fact, the Legislature needs our help. The members of that group have pressures brought upon them from all sides in efforts to influence votes. In most instances they probably have no reason not to listen; but the people that they want to hear from the most and the ones they will give greater attention to are those who live in their areas. They truly want to know how we feel; and if our system is to work as it is designed to, we owe it to them to let them know.

The Baptist Record cannot discuss all bills that are of interest to all Baptists individually, but we will try to keep information flowing on those that should be of interest to all Baptists generally. We must try to keep ourselves informed if we are to participate in our democratic system. This pertains to our political affairs as citi-

zens of our nation and our state and to religious affairs as members of Baptists groups. This is one of the primary reasons for the existence of the Baptist Record.

Several bills have been introduced that need strict and immediate attention. As usual, liquor is the subject matter of a large portion of them.

There are three that are particularly important.

As has been noted when it died in the Legislature, a bill to allow the advertising of liquor and wine will be introduced each year. Such is the case this year. It is Senate Bill 2350; and it was introduced by the same person as

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Storm interrupts Baptist meetings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Two meetings of national Baptist significance were severely interrupted by the disastrous winter storm that blitzed the country in January.

Trees heavily coated with ice crashed into three of 65 cabins occupied by missionaries and families during orientation at Callaway Gardens in Georgia. Nine other cabins suffered electrical or plumbing damage, chasing the 183 participants into separate lodging on the grounds.

At Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly in Alabama, a six-day meeting of state presidents and state and national staff members at the Woman's Missionary Union stretched into eight days for some as ice paralyzed the area.

The WMU participants were without heat and electricity for one day. All but a few of the 150 participants were delayed in departure 24 hours.

The WMU participants did learn at the meeting that a final decision on one of 39 building sites considered in the

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Seminary keeps door open; Poland Baptists growing

WARSAW, Poland (BP)—Despite difficult times in Poland, the Baptist Theological Seminary in Warsaw has kept its doors open, and Baptist churches are growing.

Universities in Poland reopened only for graduating classes and post-graduate students after the holiday break but the seminary started a new class with 14 beginning students, according to Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, who recently returned to

Germany after a trip into Poland.

Polish Baptists baptized more than 100 converts during 1981, Wumpelmann reported, increasing the membership of the Polish Baptist Union's congregations to 2,600 believers.

Because evening services and weekday meetings begin early enough to allow those attending to get home before the curfew, church activities have not been affected under martial law in Poland, said Piotr Dajludzionek, president of the union.

Baptist trucks bring food, encouragement to Poland

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (BP)—The Polish government is allowing church and relief groups to effectively distribute food, medicine and other supplies from outside the country, a

European Baptist Federation official reported after a trip into Poland.

Knud Wumpelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, made the observations after accompanying a team transporting more than 23 tons of food and supplies from Danish Church Aid to Warsaw Jan. 7. The trip was his first to Poland since martial law was declared Dec. 13.

"The situation in Poland is still critical and help will be needed for a long time to come," Wumpelmann said.

"The help from outside is not only received as much-needed material help but as a great encouragement in a very difficult time," he added.

"The relief distribution is well organized by all the churches," he said. The Danish truck he accompanied drove to a church distribution center in Warsaw without delay. The supplies were quickly distributed through participating institutions to families with children and to elderly people unable to stand in line for several hours in winter weather for government rations.

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has already released \$265,000 in hunger and relief funds to assist the needy in Poland, and European Baptists also have given substantial aid.

"Besides the help sent directly, Baptist churches (functioning as distribution centers) also receive their proportionate share of aid sent through the

Polish Ecumenical Council," Wumpelmann said.

Zdzislaw Pawlik, general secretary of the council and former general secretary of the Polish Baptist Union, represents the council on the National Committee for relief work.

That committee includes seven other relief organizations, including the Red Cross and Caritas, the Roman Catholic charitable organization, as well as the Polish ministers of health and transportation, Pawlik said.

While decisions as to where aid must be directed are left to the relief organizations themselves the committee assists in effective distribution, he explained.

Monthly rations in Poland are small, Wumpelmann said, including less than two pounds of meat for hardworking people such as miners and less than a pound for others, less than a quarter pound of butter and less than a half pound of sugar. Bread and flour are not rationed and easier to get than before.

The average worker earns \$80 per month; Baptist pastors receive \$40. In June, 10,000 people lived under the "social minimum." That increased to 1.2 million by November and was expected to reach 3 million by Jan. 1, 1982, he said.

Just before Wumpelmann and his team left Warsaw, Pawlik appealed to them on behalf of the Polish Ecumenical Council for 100 tons of food and

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Missions—theme song in the life of Yates

By Anne W. McWilliams

If he has ever thought of leaving the pastorate, it was with the idea of becoming a career missionary, James Yates indicated. "Yet, as I have heard, you would not be a good preacher if you were not willing to do whatever or go wherever the Lord wished," he said. "I always left myself open to go if the Lord called me to be a missionary, but he hasn't called me to that."

Missions, though, has prevailed as theme song in the life of Yates, who in November, 1981, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. In fact, he began 1982 (Jan. 2-9) in Uruguay leading a spiritual retreat for missionaries gathered on the seacoast near Montevideo. "Being with the missionaries 24 hours a day, I really got to know them. I have always been grateful for their service, but now I appreciate them even more."

His alert brown eyes reflected his enthusiasm. His brown sweater and brown-striped tie matched his dark brown crisply wavy hair. Books floor to ceiling splashed color on two walls of his office, in contrast to soft blues of carpet and drapes.

First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, where Yates is pastor, is a leader in mission giving and mission projects. Early in 1981, the 20th year after he moved there from First Baptist, Paragould, Ark., Yates City announced that during his 19 years of leadership the congregation had given over \$1,000,000 to the Cooperative Program. Each year the percentage of undesignated offerings given to the Cooperative Program is increased by 1/2 percent, so that in 1982 this has reached 30%. (For his anniversary, the church gave him a new car, a trip to Hawaii, and a reception on homecoming day.)

In addition, the 987 resident members lend support to numerous direct mission projects. For instance, they aid two missions of the Church of Hope, Rio (David Gomes, pastor) in Brazil. They help support indigenous evangelists in India, help Landon Wilkerson with his work among Mosquito Indians in Honduras, and give some support to young missions or churches in Ohio and New Jersey. Many volunteer mission teams have gone out from this church.

Is there a relationship between the

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James Yates has an unusual conversation piece on his desk at First Church, Yazoo City. Under the glass globe at right is a watch which has a Star of David engraved in the center of the dial, and on the back engravings of a Jewish greeting and of Moses holding the Ten Commandments tablets. Yates was given the watch by the owner of a salvage store in Yazoo City.

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Tuesday evening session

Theme: "Witnessing: by all means to save some"

- 6:30 "I will proclaim your greatness my God and King"—Psalm 145:1
Instrumental Music Mississippi Churchmen Handbells
Truitt Roberts, Director
- 6:50 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"—Psalm 66:1
Vocal Witness Quartet, Bowmar Avenue Baptist Church, Vicksburg
Dan Guest, Minister of Music
- "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Jerry Swimmer, Leading
- 7:00 Bible Study—"The Church: its nature and destiny"—Ephesians 5:26-27
Malcolm Tolbert
- 7:30 "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing Jerry Swimmer, Leading
- "My lips shall praise Thee"—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Alan Celoria
- 7:45 Message—"Evangelism and the Lord's Return"—James Draper, Jr.
- 8:15 "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing, from Glory Songs Jerry Swimmer, Leading
- "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"—Psalm 66:1
Choral Witness Central Mississippi Singing Churchmen Ensemble
J. M. Wood, Director
- 8:40 Message—"By All Means, Through All Churches, NOW"—Bill Hogue
Vocal Benediction Hubert Greer

Wednesday Morning

Theme: "Equipping the church for evangelistic ministry"

- 8:45 "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:—Psalm 48:1
Praise from the Keyboard Dot Pray, Irene Martin, Rachel Seago
- "My lips shall praise Thee—Psalm 63:3
Vocal Witness Duet: James Glass, Richard Joiner
- "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing David Grimsley, Leading
- 9:00 Bible Study—"The Church: Growing and Going"—Acts 6:7, 8:4
Malcolm Tolbert
- 9:30 "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing David Grimsley, Leading
- 9:40 Message—"Gifted by the Spirit"—I Corinthians 12:1-11
Bill Hogue
- 10:00 "Praise the Lord, O my soul"—Psalm 103:2
Congregational Singing David Grimsley, Leading
- "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"—Psalm 66:1
Mini Concerts—Gary Cornett, "Malone and Mann", Al J. Fike,
Kathryn Barfield, and Cecil Harper
- 10:40 Message—"Sent by the Spirit"—Acts 8:1-8
James Draper, Jr.
- 11:10 Prayer Period
- 11:25 Vocal Benediction James Yates

Storm interrupts Baptist meetings

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Birmingham area for relocation of WMU headquarters, will be made "within days," according to a report by Relocation Committee Chairman Mrs. J. Frank Gilreath.

No one was injured at the missionary orientation in Georgia. The missionaries and their families found

shelter first at First Baptist Church in Pine Mountain. Later in the evening they moved to the Callaway Gardens Inn, on the grounds of the vacation center.

"Just about the time we got settled in, the power went off there, too," said Donald R. Smith, interim orientation center director.



James F. Yates, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, was in Uruguay earlier this month for a spiritual retreat with the missionaries to the country. In the photo at left Yates addresses the group. In the center photo Yates chats with Bud Edwards, recent graduate of Ole Miss, left, and



Lisa Wilcutt, junior at Delta State, center, who were engaged in volunteer efforts in Uruguay at the time of the retreat. In the picture at right Yates visits with Paul and Betty Roaten of Tupelo. The Roatens have been missionaries to Uruguay for 10 years. (Photos by missionary Wally Poor)

Missions — theme song in the life of Yates

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church's involvement in direct missions and its good record of mission giving? "Oh, my yes!" the preacher answered, "I definitely think there is." Yet he hastened to add: "I am not recommending that every church take on lots of direct mission projects. I think most churches should concentrate on Cooperative Program giving."

His work load is heavier, of course, as convention president, with more speaking engagements and weekly (at least) trips to Jackson for various committee meetings. "My deacons offered to work harder this year," he said. They help him to relax, too, when after gardening and golfing he finds time to play tennis with three of them.

Linda Jenkins, secretary at First Church, Yazoo City, for 25 years and to Yates for 20 years, described her boss: "He is warm, congenial, outgoing, enthusiastic, energetic, diverse, fun-loving. As a pastor, he has a heart of compassion, is empathetic. He is a man of vision—a doer, a worker who likes neatness and organization. He has a good mind (he's a smart man!), an investigative mind; he reads a lot, and loves to travel to enlarge his world."

As convention president, his major emphasis this year will be on Christian discipleship, he said. "Church members need to develop in discipleship. This will be the theme of the convention itself, and hopefully the theme all year. I want to begin the emphasis in my own church with a conference on discipleship there this fall."

He foresees no divisive issues in the convention. "We have such a great spirit, a great fellowship. I have not been in other states long enough to compare it with them, but it is a great spirit and I am grateful for that."

"The discussion last year about

more Cooperative Program gifts going to southside causes—I was glad this came up. I'm glad people are thinking in that direction. And the question of higher education—its being so expensive—is going to be a demanding challenge."

During 1980-81 he was Convention Board president and chairman of the Order of Business Committee. Previously he had been chairman of the Board's Executive Committee, as well as having served 12 years as trustee of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

His wife, Joy, has been active in missions work and is currently a member of the state WMU StarTeam. Also she is hostess for "Joy's Corner," a children's program shown on cable television in Yazoo City.

Yates met Joy Wirodzious (a French-German name) when he was on the staff of Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. Her grandfather, member at Highland, introduced them. Seven years later, when Yates' first pastorate took him to Brownsville, Tenn., Joy came to his church for a regional CT meeting, and their friendship was renewed. They got married Sept. 23, 1955, at Union Avenue Baptist Church, her home church in Memphis. At the time of their wedding she was children's director for Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis.

They have four children, John, senior at Delta State, minister of music and youth at Boyle; Jim, sophomore at Holmes JC; Jeff, junior at Yazoo City High; and Carol Joy, married to Tommy Sparkman, who is minister of music and youth in Saraland, Ala.

Yates was born in Greenville, Ky., youngest of six children of John C. and Nannie Pendley Yates. "I grew up in the Baptist church. My parents were active in it. It was a joy to go. We were not made to go, but wanted to go."

The summer after high school he felt that the Lord was calling him to some kind of Christian service, possibly

music ministry. His pastor, Henry Schaeffer (now retired and living in Owensboro, Ky), said, "Come over to my house and let's pray about what the Lord wants you to do with your life." When they had, then the pastor said, "You've got to go to college."

So he "cleaned a gym" to pay his way to Thomasville Junior College. Then during years at Centre (Presbyterian college) and Union University, he served churches as minister of music (and sometimes minister of youth also). When he entered Southern Seminary he still thought he'd be a

music minister, but while there he came to the conclusion that it was preaching that the Lord wanted him to do. Yet his love for music had opened doors to pay his way through college, to prepare for the pastorate.

His interest in missions has always been interwoven through all he has done. "It has long been a dream of mine (and I have shared this with my wife) to retire early—not right away!—to be a missionary associate—maybe to be pastor of an English-language church in a country where such is needed."

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Jess Moody is pastor of the 12,000 member First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, California. Previously he was president of Palm Beach Atlantic College and pastor of First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach. He addressed the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles this past Convention in a very challenging message.

Ray Frank Robbins, former professor at New Orleans Seminary will speak on Showing Forth His Salvation and lead a Bible Conference.

Malcom Tolbert will speak on the Nature and Destiny of the Church. He is professor at Southeastern Seminary and has spoken frequently in our state.

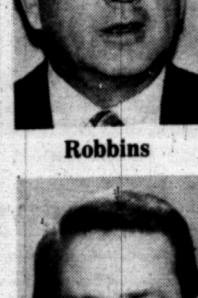
James Draper, Jr., former President of the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conference and pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, will speak twice on Evangelism and the Lord's Return. Also, Bill Hogue, recently of the Home Mission Board, Evangelism Section, and now pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Tulsa, will speak on "Gifted by the Spirit."



Shannon



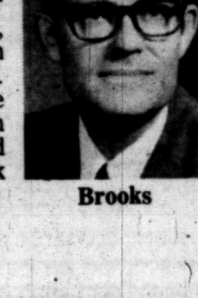
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The conferences will zero in on the Fundamentals of our Faith such as Evangelism, the Bible, Creation, the Holy Spirit, the Atonement, Election, Jesus Christ, and the Church. These will be taught by Bill Hogue, Ray Robbins, Joe Tuten, Harold Brooks, Penrose St. Amant, James Brooks, Frank Stagg and Glen Hinson.

Many believe our nation could be on the verge of a great spiritual awakening. Revival pockets are seen in a few places. This year's Conference will testify to what God is doing in Mississippi and will assure a strong call for repentance and renewal on the part of God's people.

Lay people are invited and encouraged to attend the Evangelism Conference. It will be well worth taking a day off from your regular work.

DEACONS: Is your pastor able to attend the Conference? It could well be the best investment your church could make. Plan for your church to send the Pastor.

Motels are available in Vicksburg at reasonable rates. There is a KOA Campground at Honeysuckle Lane. Arrangements could be made to stay in private homes.

The Nursery will open 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each session and close 15 minutes following each session.

Vocational Evangelists (preaching and music) are invited to a Breakfast Meeting at the Holiday Inn on Tuesday morning at 7:00.

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Pari-mutuel gambling is like other gambling—you lose

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Q. How does pari-mutuel gambling work?

A. Pari-mutuel gambling is predicated upon certain predetermined guidelines, percentages, and assumptions. One fact is always present and that is that there must always be a loser. This is due to the fact that a certain percentage of the total money wagered is taken off the top to pay expenses and as the profit for the holder of the license. The remainder of the money wagered is then paid out in a predetermined manner to the winner of the various "pools" (the money wagered on each race). Thus, the amount of money available to be won will be less than the amount of money wagered.

FACT ONE: The pari-mutuel system is so devised that the holder of the license (a person, an association, or a corporation) is guaranteed a profit while a loser is necessitated by the system.

One of the assumptions upon which pari-mutuel gambling is fixed is that a person will never wager on just one race but will re-contribute winnings and supplement losses with new money on subsequent races.

This is significant in that the "off the top" percentage (for expenses and profits) is again taken off the top of the pool of wagered money on this and each subsequent pool. This serves to

diminish the available money to be divided among winners on each subsequent race.

FACT TWO: The pari-mutuel system is so contrived to guarantee a return to the holder of the license while at the same time diminish the money available to be won.

The system is further set in favor of the holder of the license by allowing for a "daily double" and other types of high risk bets. Example: The money in the "daily double" will be paid only to the person(s) who correctly bets on the winner of two specific races determined by the holder of the license.

Another advantage to the holder of the license is that the distribution of the winnings is made (rounded off) to the next lowest multiple of ten. The holder of the license then is permitted to retain and utilize the odd cents as specified by contract and law.

The licensee normally could expect to get one-half of all odd cents. This is known as "breaks to the dime" or "breaks." (Could this be the source of the oft-quoted statement to a loser—"Well, those are the breaks of the game"?) Example: A four dollar (\$4.00) wager at odds of 5 to 3 would mean that the winner should receive \$6.665.

However, this would be reduced to the next lowest multiple of 10—thus making the winner receive \$6.60. The other 6 1/2 cents is retained by the holder of the license and divided as specified by contract or law. So, even the winner is a loser.

FACT THREE: In pari-mutuel gambling, all of the percentages are in favor of the holder of the license and are guaranteed by contract and law. The only risk in the system is taken by the better who risks his/her hard-earned money for a percentage of a "pool" that is guaranteed to be less than the total money bet. Even the winner becomes a loser.

Encouragement to Poland

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blankets for flood victims at Plock, 70 miles northwest of Warsaw.

There, an estimated 4,000 homes were under water after the Vistula River overflowed its banks. Temperatures in the homes were below freezing.

Some relief supplies being sent to church distribution centers, such as a truckload from Norwegian Church Aid, have been diverted to Plock. Danish Church Aid on Jan. 12 distributed 4,500 blankets in the area.

As Wumpelmann's group returned to Denmark, they also met a truck from a Baptist church in Falkenberg, Sweden, bringing food and clothing from churches, civic and relief organizations to the Polish city of Szczecin. Those supplies were delivered at a Baptist church and distributed through all the free (nonstate) churches in the city.

Medical Center sets health careers day

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson is sponsoring a Health Careers Day Wednesday, February 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for anyone interested in health careers.

Instructors from the four health related schools at MBMC will discuss education requirements and job opportunities in the fields of medical technology, practical nursing, radiologic technologic and respiratory therapy from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Following lunch, which will be provided by MBMC, tours will be given of the various departments, and there will be opportunities for questions.

To register, call Laura Lowe in the public relations office at 968-5135, no later than Wednesday, February 10. Attendance is limited.

Politics on program for CAC emphasis

"The Christian/the Church and Political Involvement" will be the theme for the annual Christian Action Commission Emphasis Day at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, Feb. 22. Bob Adams, professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and Bill Elder, pastor, St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., will headline the program. Elder has recently been associated in the Christian citizenship work with the Christian Life Commission, Nashville.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 3 p.m. In the morning session, J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, will speak on "Church and State as a Baptist Distinctive."

Adams will speak on "Religious Liberty Involvement in our Nation's Capitol: Some Current Issues." Elder's subject will be "Christian Citizenship Involvement: Power Structures—Political Parties."

After a lunch break at 12:15, the session will resume at 1:40 and the subject to be discussed will be "Strategies for Involvement." Elder will speak to involvement in citizenship on the local and state level and Adams will speak on involvement through the Baptist Joint Committee and the Christian Life Commission. There will follow an open discussion with Adams and Elder.

Paul Griffin Jones, II, executive director-elect of the Christian Action Commission will preside.

MRLC to hear Bishop Allin

John Maury Allin, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, will be the speaker Feb. 1 at the annual banquet of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference. Allin was formerly diocesan bishop for the church in Mississippi.

The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church in Jackson. W. P. Davis, who retired as director of the work with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is executive secretary of the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference.

Hughey found to have cancer of pancreas

AURICH, Switzerland (BP)—J. D. Hughey, director of Southern Baptist work in Europe and the Middle East for 18 years before his retirement Dec. 31, was diagnosed Jan. 14 as having cancer of the pancreas.

The diagnosis was made after Hughey entered Red Cross Hospital in Zurich for what was thought to be ulcer surgery. He will be hospitalized about two weeks. Then he and Mrs. Hughey expect to remain in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, for another week of recuperation before returning to Richmond, Va., where he will undergo further treatment.

Hughey, whose career as a Southern Baptist missionary and Foreign Mission Board administrator spanned 38 years, had just completed a tour of his 18-country area accompanied by his wife and was teaching this semester at Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon.

Who needs a will?

By Harold T. Kitchings
executive secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

It has been said that one does not need a will until he needs it, and then it is too late to have one drawn. The late John Thomas Wilbanks of Corinth, understood this truth.



Therefore, through the combined counsel of his certified public accountant and his attorney, he had a will carefully drawn which would ultimately provide for those whom he loved and at the same time continue his service for the Lord.

Mr. Wilbanks was no ordinary man. He was a leader in Mississippi as a businessman, public servant, banker, and Baptist church and denominational worker. His love for the local church was evidenced by his active service for many years as a deacon in the Corinth First Baptist Church.

His interest in missions was made manifest by his involvement in the establishment of the Kendrick Baptist Church where he remained active until his decease in June, 1978.

His contribution to Mississippi Baptists included his service as a former Trustee of Blue Mountain College and as a member of the Baptist Student Union Advisory Committee at Northeast Mississippi Junior College in Booneville.

With the encouragement of his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Rogers Wilbanks, he made certain in his will that the Lord would continue to be served beyond his earthly sojourn. Therefore, a substantial gift was made to the Missis-

siippi Baptist Foundation through Mr. Wilbanks' will.

The earned income from this Testamentary Trust will go each year to the support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and to the support of certain local churches in Alcorn County.

Who needs a will? You do if you love your family and the Lord. Seek the counsel of your certified public accountant and attorney at once. Since January is Make Your Will Month, why not set the wheels in motion now?

Remember, you could have your will drawn in one of the other months of the year. Mr. Wilbanks' will was executed in the month of March, yet it is very effective.

"Convocation on Congregational Singing" is coming

NASHVILLE—A "Convocation on Congregational Singing," sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church music department, is planned for April 26-30 here at the board's Church Program Training Center.

Guest lecturers and conductors for the week-long event include Erik Routley, Ronald Boud, Donald Hustad and James Good.

To register, send \$50 for each person, or a \$25 fee for a spouse or associate who shares study material with the participant, to Church Program Training Center, P. O. Box 24001, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Home mission emphasis planned for Mississippi

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tively support any statewide project.

Churches in the Simpson Baptist Association gave \$17,849 to the Annie Armstrong offering in 1980. In 1981, the year of the pilot project, they gave \$27,199. Nine churches gave to the offering that had not given in recent years, according to Glen Schilling, director of missions. He also said that the associational missions committee is planning a similar program for state and foreign missions in future years.

Palmer spoke in Simpson County in two worship services, a Church Training hour, a Sunday School, on a radio program, a Brotherhood breakfast, a youth rally, WMU prayer retreat, a deacon-pastor-wives retreat, two area WMU luncheons, a man-boy rally, and a businessmen's breakfast.

In Jones County, Palmer experienced a similar hectic schedule.

Evangelists' Fellowship to meet Feb. 1

The Fellowship of Mississippi Baptist Evangelists will meet Monday, night, Feb. 1, at Holiday Inn, Vicksburg, immediately after the evening session of the state Evangelism/Bible Conference.

All those attending the Evangelism/Bible Conference at First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, are invited to attend this Fellowship of Evangelists meeting, to hear some of the music evangelists sing and to meet the preaching evangelists. Light refreshments will be served.

Vietnamese refugees in Malaysia have been receiving Scriptures in their own language thanks to the Bible Society of Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei. In a report to the American Bible Society in New York, the Bible Society in Singapore said it had provided 1,100 New Testaments and more than 34,000 Scripture Selections in Vietnamese for use by refugees.

Girls in Action, mothers will have weekend

GAs and their mothers will focus on their Baptist heritage as they "Tune in to Yesteryear" theme of the Mother/Daughter Weekend, April 16-17, at Garaywa. Registration begins at 4 p.m. on Friday and closes at noon on Saturday.

Features of the weekend include two dramas: "Paul, the Missionary," and "Cousin George." Missionary guests will include the Paul Vandercook family from Gulfport, Mrs. R. T. Buckley and daughter Amye from Bangladesh, and Miss Ann Lovelady of Jackson. Miss Lovelady serves as assistant to Dick Brogan, president, Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The weekend is for GAs in grades 1-6 and their mothers or a GA and another adult. Cost is \$13 per person and is not refundable after April 12, deadline for registration. Need not be enrolled in GAs.

Participants should bring: sheets, towels, washcloth, soap, toothbrush, other personal items, sport clothes, sweater or jacket, Bible and Discovery.

A registration form is in issues of alongside or write WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

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Editorials . . .

Issues face legislative action

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it was last year, Senator Howard Dyer of Greenville. Each year this bill comes up, and each year it dies in committee. Such should be its fate again this year, but we must never take for granted that it will be so. As has been stated before and as is apparent by the continued presence of this issue, the liquor interests never give up. They continue to be present and figure that sooner or later those who are dedicated to fighting liquor will grow tired of the battle and quit.

SB 2350 has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. Those committee members are Martin T. Smith, Poplarville, chairman; John J. Fraiser, Greenwood, vice-chairman; Bill Alexander, Cleveland; Ellis Bodron, Vicksburg; Tommy Brooks, Carthage; Mitch Childre, Pearl; Bob Crook, Ruleville; Jay Disharoon, Hazlehurst; Dyer; Ed Ellington, Jackson; Jack Gordon, Okalona; Bill Harpole, Starkville; John Johnson, Amory; Rick Lambert, Hattiesburg; Con Maloney, Jackson; Bill May, Fulton; Bill Minor, Holly Springs; Bob Montgomery, Canton; Joe Mulholland, Philadelphia; Theodore Smith, Corinth; and Bob Usey, Gulfport.

Liquor is illegal in Mississippi and is available only in areas where the voters have voted to come out from under the prohibition of liquor. Under such circumstances, the advertising of liquor is not reasonable; and the Legislature, has wisely maintained the prohibition of advertising. Advertising, of course, is done only for the purpose of selling more of any product; and surely we do not need to try to sell

more liquor. More than enough damage is done by what is sold without advertising.

Another alcohol-related bill is House Bill 773, which has been introduced by Rep. Will Green Poindexter of Inverness and Rep. James C. Simpson of Long Beach. This bill would do away with the power of enforcement of liquor laws by the Alcohol Beverage Control Division. It would put the responsibility of such enforcement on local law enforcement bodies. With all due respect to those local enforcement bodies, that would make enforcement a haphazard thing across the state. There would be no consistency at all.

The local bodies already are involved in the enforcement of the laws. They should continue to be so involved. There needs to be, however, a state agency dedicated to the control of this devilish stuff. It is likely that the state agency has had to spread itself too thin and should have help in its efforts, but let's not handcuff it. It is tragic that we have to be faced in our society with such a substance that we have to exercise such tight controls over it. We have it, nevertheless, and must do our best to control it. Let's not relax our vigil.

This bill has been assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee. Those committee members are H. L. Meredith Jr., Greenville, chairman; Joseph L. Blount, Decatur; vice-chairman; W. E. Andrews III, Purvis; Fred L. Banks, Jackson; Thomas L. Brooks, Tupelo; T. H. Campbell III, Yazoo City; J. P. Compretta, Bay St. Louis; Dennis Dollar, Gulfport; Ralph

Doxey, Holly Springs; Robert L. Everett, Vicksburg; Timothy A. Ford, Baldwin; Hillman T. Frazier, Jackson; Jerry M. Gilbreath, Laurel; W. L. Grist, Vardaman; Dick Hall, Jackson; Tommy A. Horne, Meridian; R. G. Huggins, Greenwood; Edward G. Jackson, Cleveland; Hermit A. Jones, Canton; John R. Junkin II, Natchez; Hubert S. McMillan, Kosciusko; Hainon A. Miller, Greenville; James D. Nunnally, Ripley; Poindexter; Stanley P. Presley, Pascagoula; Dorlos Robinson, Hamilton; Glynn F. Shumake, Columbus; Simpson; John H. Stennis, Jackson; W. Terrell Stubbs, Mendenhall; Thomas E. Walman, McComb; William A. Wilkerson, Daleville; and Charles V. Williams, Senatobia.

The chairman and vice-chairman of this committee were listed in error in last week's Baptist Record and one member, Thomas L. Brooks, was left off due to incorrect information.

Still a third liquor bill has been introduced. It is HB 820, and it would authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption. This bill, submitted by Larry Dubaz Jr. of Biloxi and others, would allow those who buy liquor in a drinking establishment to carry eight ounces outside with them. As the law is now established, when closing time comes by law, no liquor can be carried off the premises, then or any other time. This new bill would change that, and patrons could carry a certain amount of liquor (eight ounces) out to continue drinking in their cars or where ever their ways might take them.

One might say we have a law now to

stop drinkers from driving. The law, however, doesn't stop the drinkers from driving. It punishes them if they are caught. If someone is killed in the meantime, it is too late. We need the drunk driving law. But we don't need to try to make enforcement of that law more complicated. This bill also has been assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee.

There is word on a good bill; and that is SB 2676, submitted by Wayne Burkes of Bolton. This bill would outlaw obscenity, sexual exploitation of minors, nudity, material harmful to minors, and the display of material harmful to minors. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The problem that faces legislation dealing with pornography is that it can so easily run afoul of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This bill is said to be worded very carefully in that respect and is expected to be one that would pass the scrutiny of the courts. It is 24 pages long and presents a very thorough discussion of its subject matter.

Time is of the essence. The deadline for committees to deal with bills originating in their own houses of the Legislature is Feb. 4. So committee members need to be contacted immediately.

Let's not neglect our responsibility. Let's help our legislators do the job for which we have elected them. Let's let them know how we feel. They want to hear from us. Let's not let them down. This is the way the state is supposed to be run, and we will have a better state because of it.—DTM

Brother Haywood N. Stubble

IT TOOK A MIRACLE TO GET MY BROTHER TO CHURCH—HE DIDN'T WANT TO COME!



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

The blizzard of '82

"This blizzard of '82 is really something else! I'm sitting here by candlelight and firelight, hoping I'm hitting the lines on the paper," my sister, Betty Brown, wrote me Jan. 14 from Georgia. "The snow on the evergreens, on the branches of the trees, and everywhere is so lovely—to cause so much trouble. I feel like the people in Whittier's 'Snowbound.' I remember reading it in Miss Blanche Owen's room (in fifth grade) and wanting so much to be snowbound. . . ."

"Also I remember so many other snows through the years that lasted such a short time. I remember how Daddy's old brown shoes would have white fringes around them when he came from the barn. . . . "My driveway must be 4-6 inches deep in snow and ice. . . . Her son-in-law, Bubba Hendrix, drove through it, though, and Betty went to Luann's house, where they cooked on a wood burning heater.

Versa Jordan, who lives in a trailer in the woods at Hot Coffee, wrote, "Isn't this weather awful? I didn't catch any water before it froze. Spurgeon (my brother) got me water from the pond to use in the bathroom. He got drinking water from a spring where Grandpa Mayfield used to get water."

Mama called from Alabama. Ice-weighted limbs from her pecan and pine trees had fallen. Electric lines lay broken in her yard. Stranded 10 miles from town, she had a kerosene lamp for light and no way to cook from Tuesday night until Sat. night. She ate bread and milk and cereals, and heated soup and water in a can on a space heater. Her car would not crank, but the road was impassable anyhow most of the week. She wrote Jan. 16, "I do hope the food is okay in my freezer. They claim it will keep 72 hours. Some took food out of freezers, wrapped it, and buried it outside in the snow." Her nice neighbor, Red Henderson, finally got through the snow one day to bring her more bread and milk.

Katie V. Wilson of Van Winkle, who has been on many mission trips to Ohio, told me, "This week they just sent me some of Ohio!"

I heard about a woman—don't know her name—on her way to work in Jackson. When the car in front of her stopped abruptly, she braked and her car slid into a ditch. A policeman appeared, reached his hand out to give her an assist, and fell down. While they both were rolling around in the ditch

trying to get up, his car slipped off the bank and hit her car—didn't hurt her car, but her bumper gave the police car a rough scratch, and her foot got twisted under the police car some way, though not seriously hurt. They had to wait in the cold for an accident investigator to arrive—but she did get a free ride home.

Mama said she didn't get any mail for three days, but on Saturday the Baptist Record arrived. She was lucky to get one that week! I drove to the office on Tuesday morning over ice to help Tim Nicholas finish making up the final pages. I was so scared that I drove at snail's speed; it took me an hour to drive 10 miles from Clinton to Jackson. In the Baptist Building parking lot Leonard Thompson scraped sheets of snow and ice off my windshield. In front of the printer's shop, my Toyota started skidding, but the curb stopped me. Ben Cain gave the car a shove to get me started again later. And I gave a deep, deep sigh of relief when I got back home to my own driveway.

Last fall W. D. bought a tremendous load of wood, and we all teased him Thanksgiving about preparing for a big winter. His foresight has paid off. The best part of the snow was sitting by the fire looking at its beauty through the windows. Rooftops wore icicle beards. When the sunrise struck the trees across the street, every icy limb and twig became a twinkling crystal prism. In afternoon sunlight the spears of ice changed to silver tinsel, and bare tree trunks striped the snow with blue shadows. Shrubs draped the fence with a lacy white shawl. The bird bath had become a giant ice cream cone. Each brown leaf still clinging to the oaks wore a pointed white cap. Up to his chest in snow, Brownie stood barking at a squirrel.

Even the blackbirds were beautiful, their feathers iridescent, flashing blues and greens, reds and yellows. A woodpecker knocked at a tree and darted away.

On Sunday, my preacher, Dr. Kermit D. McGregor, used a lot of Bible verses and other illustrations about the snow. He said his wife Phyllis always feeds birds when it snows, and the crimson splash the redbird makes when it comes to peck at the crumbs stands out like our sins. "But God provided a Way that 'though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. . . ." (Isaiah 1:18).

Side benefits of being snowbound

Being snowbound in the hills of Alabama had its attractive features, not the least of which were the ladies of the national Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board and national and state staffs who were stuck there also.

This was at the beautiful Alabama Baptist assembly grounds, Shocco Springs, near Talledega. If one is to be stranded by the snow and ice, this is the place to be. It is a lovely setting.

As the snow drifted down onto the tall pines and softly covered the ground on Wednesday, operations were almost suspended from time to time just to watch it. As the sun came up on Thursday and caused the ice encased hardwood limbs to glisten in its early morning light, it was a "reathaking sight."

It is a bit disconcerting to awake with the electricity off and realize the electric razor will not work. But Foreign Mission Board staff member Sam James had faced this sort of thing before and had inexpensive, throw-

away razors available. It gives one pause for contemplation as to the next move to be standing in the shower when the water goes off. No one had a remedy for that.

There were radios and small, portable television sets available that someone had brought, so we were able to keep up with how the weather was affecting roads and airlines. When it was determined that I could not get to Birmingham to make my flight home, I called the travel agency in Jackson to cancel the reservation and found the office was closed due to severe weather. Next I called the airline and found the flight had been cancelled. So I could not get to a plane that didn't fly.

With that settled, the wait turned into an interesting experience. As mentioned in another editorial, Mary Eleanor Kong of Ripley, Miss., who now lives in Hawaii, and I had occasion to visit about Mississippians in Hawaii; and she was able to give me word on relatives of mine who live there. She told me an uncle is in the

best health she has seen in years.

I visited with WMU presidents from Oklahoma, Alabama, and Nevada as well as with Mrs. Pattie Dent, the Mississippian. With the Southern Baptist Press Association meeting in Nevada next month, I gathered information on the weather and travel conditions from the Nevada president, who lives in Las Vegas.

Of course, during the wait the Rook cards and the Uno cards came out. And there was a strange new game called Skip-bo.

On Thursday night we had vesper services, which were very nice. Music was by guitar as we gathered around the fireplace in the big lobby of the main building. Foreign Mission Board representatives Sam James and Bill O'Brien had managed somehow to get away before the final snow storm hit, and I was the only male present by this time. The ladies saw to it that I was not made to feel out of place.

Among the rewarding experiences that came out of the week were the chances to visit with missionaries who

had stayed and become stranded with the rest of us. There were extended conversations with Pat Wolf of Taiwan and Sistine Givins of Brazil. Both of these visits revealed interesting sidelights on how political conditions affect the missionaries and how partnership arrangements with state conventions are helpful. Earlier conversations with James and O'Brien and Joy Fenner, former missionary to Japan and now the WMU executive director in Texas, were equally as interesting.

Another former missionary is Jean Teague, Baptist Women director in Virginia. I first met Jean when she was a missionary associate teaching in the Foreign Mission Board's school in Amman, Jordan. Dixie Hunke, the executive in California, was there. She is the daughter of a friend of college years.

Being snowbound is not always pleasant. At Shocco Springs in the company of 150 WMU ladies, however, it can be rather enjoyable.—DTM

Letters To The Editor

An open letter to Mississippi Baptists

Editor: In 1942, a National Baptist preacher, Herbert L. Lang, came to Mississippi with an idea—"a school on wheels." Dr. Lang moved up and down and back and forth in Mississippi providing learning experiences for pastors, lay persons and youth in National Baptist Churches.

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Article appreciated

Editor: My heartfelt thanks go out to you for placing Deanna Harrison's article, *Your Minister's Wife Is Human*, in the Baptist Record last week. Being new to the role of a pastor's wife, I found myself at times struggling with my humanness. How well I related to many of the points made in this article. My husband and I are blessed with a loving congregation and I thank God for this. However, sometimes I feel there are folks who want to minister, but are not sure just what needs to be done. This article gives such good tips as to our basic needs.

There is a second reason that I wanted to share my thanks with you. One of our members having read the article came to my home yesterday with a beautiful, fresh flower arrangement for my dining room table. She was aware that the deacons and their wives were coming to our home for a meeting last night. How thoughtful! How touching! It was a bright spot in a very hectic day. Her thoughtful gesture certainly said, "I love you." How special I felt and how grateful to God I was that I was the pastor's wife of First Baptist Church, Coldwater, Ms.

Betty Sartain

Coldwater

Concerned over evolution

Editor: A very special "Thank you" for your editorial in Thursday, January 14, 1982 Baptist Record entitled "Does Creationism Violate the Students' Rights?"

I have been very concerned over the fact that evolution is in our textbooks and being taught our children. How confusing this must be to our children.

to be taught at home and church that "God created man" then get to school and be indoctrinated with evolution.

The ACLU has made such a howl about separation of church and state, did they not know that Humanism was declared a religion by the Supreme Court in *Torcasco Vs Watkins*—367 US 488—1961 and I would like to quote a statement in a leaflet inviting you to join the American Humanist Association.

The leaflet—"Who is a Humanist" says—

"A Humanist is a person who says no to these . . .

We were created by a god who will reward prescribed good behavior and punish those who do not obey his will." (Notice they used a small letter for God.)

Continuing the quote from the above mentioned invitation—

"A Humanist is a person who says 'yes' to these . . .

"Humans are not the divine creation of an almighty god. Rather, they developed in nature and live most fully when they live in harmony with their environment." (Notice the small letter again in God.)

How can one say that religion is not being taught in the form of Humanism (evolution).

I say, if our children cannot be given a choice, then just omit the teaching of either.

Evolution is a belief of religious humanism and should not be preferred over theism (belief in God) since this violates the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

I firmly believe if evolution is taught, that creationism should be also.

Mrs. Norris Moore
Pelahatchie

Sympathy for Polish people

Editor: Please allow me to express appreciation to *The Baptist Record* for the excellent coverage you gave recently for the Polish-American Heritage Day observance held recently in Kosciusko and Attala County.

On Sunday evening, January 17, almost 500 people from several denominations gathered in First United

Methodist Church in Kosciusko to pray for the oppressed people of Poland. The message by Dr. Earl Kelly was a masterpiece.

At the same hour an inter-denominational worship service was held at the Ethel Baptist Church with Reed Dicken preaching the sermon.

As a result of these services, almost \$2,500 will be sent to the suffering people of Poland.

The Kosciusko Ministerial Association, sponsor of this observance, has designated February as Polish Relief Month in Attala County. Churches and individuals are being encouraged to make contributions to Polish relief.

I would encourage other churches and individuals across the state to respond to this tremendous need with the realization that many courageous people in Poland, including fellow Baptists and other Christians, are paying dearly for the price of freedom.

Our nation has been too greatly blessed for us to allow them to suffer this burden alone.

W. Levon Moore
Director of Missions
Attala Baptist Association

Holy Land article appreciated

Editor: My thanks to you and Anne Washburn McWilliams for her interesting article, "Faces and Places," in the Baptist Record each week.

Christmas eve in Bethlehem, Jan. 7, was most interesting. I appreciate and love Anne for sharing her travels and experience of the Holy Land with us. God bless and keep her always.

Nell White
Jackson

The Bible Society in Nicaragua is providing 500,000 copies of the Scripture Portion 'Life of Jesus' in Spanish for more than half a million new literates, according to a report reaching the American Bible Society in New York. The high profile distribution program coincided with Nicaragua's national literacy campaign which ended reportedly resulting in many hundreds of thousands of people learning to read and write.

Book Reviews

HOW TO GUIDE CHILDREN by Louise Caldwell (Convention Press, \$2.50 paper, 221 pp.)

This book is the text for a course in Children's Leadership in the Church Study Course. It is also available in a loose-leaf edition, and a resource kit is available for use in teaching the book. Chapter 1 discusses the characteristics of a good teacher of children. Then, the other sections go into extensive detail in how to guide children to learn through the creative arts, through discussion, through games, and through music. Black and white illustrations make a choice book even better.—AWM.

HOW TO GUIDE PRESCHOOLERS compiled by Jenell Strickland (Convention Press, 223 pp., \$2.50 paper, also available in loose-leaf edition).

A text for Church Study Course, this book suggests methods of involving preschoolers in church program organizations in a variety of learning activities. It deals with general teaching methods which are suggested when using Bible stories, Bible thoughts, pictures, music, art, books, au-

diovisuals, blocks, and nature with preschoolers. A resource kit and loose leaf version of the book are available. Specific instructions are given for the activities in every chapter. The 15 chapters are by 15 different writers, all skilled in preschool guidance. Illustrations are black and white photographs of children in teaching situations.

The great tests of life reveal character; it is not until winter comes that we know the pine is an evergreen.—On an English gravestone

Nashville—Representatives from the Sunday School Board's church architecture department will be available during four weeks at Glorieta and three at Ridgcrest this year. At Glorieta, architectural consultation will be offered during Sunday School Leadership weeks, June 12-18, June 19-25 and June 26-July 2 and during Small Sunday School week, Aug. 21-27. At Ridgcrest, personnel will be available for consultation during Sunday School Leadership weeks, July 17-23, July 24-30 and July 31-Aug. 6.

Just for the Record

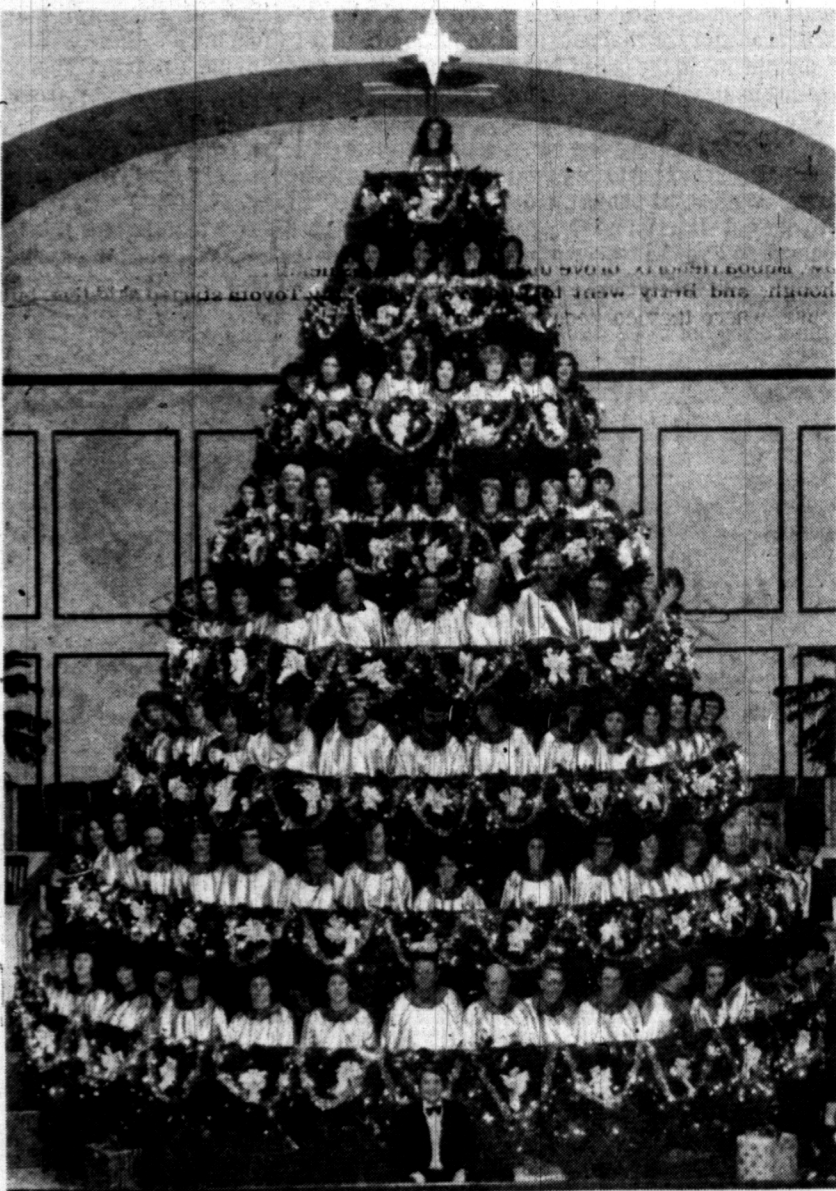


SOUTH LOUISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Louisville broke ground Jan. 10 for a new \$240,000 education building, to house a nursery suite, eight children's classrooms, media center, kitchen and fellowship hall, and new office facilities. Left to right: Bob Reno, minister of education; Robert Flynn, teacher; J. L. Pierce, Sunday School director; Wayne Easley, youth director; and four charter members who broke

ground—Miss Hazel Harrison, Miss Dean Moore, Mrs. F. L. Moore, and Mrs. Nathan Parrott (with shovel in hand). Also pictured are Clarence Woods, chairman of the Building Committee and committee members—Tommy Price, Joe Fleming, and Tim Watkins. Bids are being let and completion is expected this summer. At present the church is without a pastor.



SONSHINE, puppet ministry of Calvary Baptist Church (Lamar) Hattiesburg has been reactivated after a two-year break. Young people have brought puppets out of trunks to begin a new witnessing adventure. They have done eight performances in two months. This thirteen-member team would welcome an opportunity to worship through puppets in other churches, said Mark Russell, director. Left to right, front row: Jerri Hill, Sheri Downing, Karen McMahon, Kevin Traylor, Tonya Osborn, Renee Jackson. Back row: Gina Daniels, Jeff Hill, Tony Legg, Johnny Rayborn, Crystal McMahon, Arnita Freeman, Alan Jackson.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, LAUREL, presented a "Living Christmas Tree" on Dec. 20 and 21. The 30-ft. tall steel tree was covered with 2,000 lights, and 102 singers and topped with a star. The Children's Choir sang with the "Tree" Choir bringing the total choral force to over 150. The two-night presentation was made possible by the monetary gifts and hard work of all of the members of Highland. "The Living Christmas Tree was presented with the purpose of seeing lost souls won to Jesus Christ. The 1,000-seat auditorium was filled to capacity both nights. God blessed with 21 recorded professions of faith," said Chuck Traylor, minister of music-education. Richard G. Lee is pastor.



Sharkey men at work in Honduras
LEAVING ROLLING FORK on a mission trip to Honduras on Monday, Jan. 11, were, from left, kneeling, James Smith of Rolling Fork; Eddie Peeples of Cary; Walter McConnell of Columbus; Dewitt Hodnett and Reuben Hodnett of Straight Bayou; and James Smith, Director of Development of Global Outreach Foundation, Ltd. of Tupelo. Standing from left, Reese Kyzar of Rolling Fork, Robert Gilliland of Valley Park; Tony McIntire of Anguilla, Bill Hodnett, James Curtis Evans and R. J. (Bud) Powell, Jr. of Straight Bayou, Jimmy Priddy and James French of Cary.
This group will build a church for a tribe of Mosquito Indians in the jungle village of Kurpa near Puerto Lampira, Honduras. They were to return to Rolling Fork on Jan. 28. Global Outreach provides opportunities for Christians to be personally involved in helping the needy of underdeveloped countries to help themselves, through agriculture, education, community development, health care, and evangelism.

Staff Changes

Gale Anderson of Taylorsville has been called as pastor of Williamsburg Baptist Church, four miles west of Collins. Before going to Williamsburg in October, 1981, as interim pastor, he had served as pastor of Strengthened Baptist Church, Wayne County, for 23 years. In Wayne County Association he had served as moderator and on numerous associational committees. He wrote a history of the Wayne County Baptist Association and preached at least 100 sermons over radio station WABO.

Larry W. Fields, pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchitoches, La., has accepted the call to become pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, beginning Sunday, Feb. 14. Prior to his work in Louisiana, he was pastor of the Tangipahoa Baptist Church, Amite County, and First Baptist Church, Summit. While in Mississippi, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Children's Village and pastor advisor of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union Executive Committee.

He is presently serving as moderator of the Natchitoches Baptist Association, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Baptist Message and a member of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. He is a graduate of Louisiana College and received the D.Min. degree from

New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Sandra Walker. They have two sons, Michael, 12, and John, 6.

Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, has called Claude D. Callender, a native of Brookhaven, as minister of education. Callender was formerly minister of education at First Baptist Church of Glendale, Hattiesburg. He is married to the former Ann Brown of Bogie Chitto. They have three children, Blake, 15, Jody, 12, and Chris, 10. Callender received an M.R.E. degree from New Orleans Seminary in December, 1981.

Randall H. Rich is the new minister of youth and music at Pineview Church, Gulf Coast. From Alabama, he is a student at New Orleans Seminary. The church has bought a house south of the church property for use as a youth building and extra Sunday School space.

Mrs. Marjorie Blackmon has resigned as education/records secretary at First Church, Long Beach, because of declining health.

Jimmy Bankston has resigned as pastor and James Bankston, Jr. has resigned as minister of music at First Baptist Church, Mississippi City.

Peoples, Ripley, gives to Lottie for first time

Peoples Baptist Church, Ripley, gave \$431.79 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in December. For Peoples, it was a big step. It was the first time the church had ever given to a special mission offering, according to the pastor.

Pastor Gregg Thomas showed a film on missions and one on Lottie Moon on Sunday night, Dec. 6. Each person was given a special offering envelope. They were asked to pray about the need and then to give as they felt they could. The following Sunday morning the offering was taken and it amounted to \$431.79.

"Missions is the lifeline of our churches. We praise God for the way that our people gave and we pray that we will do even more for missions in the months and years to come," stated Thomas.

A Mission Emphasis Weekend is being planned for Feb. 20-21.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is only one of several things that have happened at Peoples recently. In the early fall, 1981, the old church building was renovated to provide four Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, two bathrooms, and a fellowship hall.

Also, a Children's Choir has been started, and a Sunday School Teacher's Training Session is held on Sunday nights during Church Training time. The church recently adopted its first unified Church Budget. Plans are to begin WMU, RA and GA groups.

An Annual Report

People Serving People!



People serving people!

That's the philosophy founders of Baptist Memorial Hospital followed when they opened a 150-bed unit in Memphis, Tennessee in July, 1912.

That same operating philosophy prevails as Baptist Memorial Hospital prepares to celebrate its 70th year as a leader in providing quality health care to people in Memphis and the Mid-South.

This concern for people led Baptist Memorial Hospital along the way to introduce some significant developments to the health care field.

For instance Baptist Memorial Hospital was the first in the Mid-South to offer telecobalt therapy, an inpatient psychiatric unit, an EMI brain scanning unit and a coronary intensive care unit.

The institution also introduced to the Mid-South fluoroscopic image magnification, a sleep disorder center, inpatient rehabilitation, and cardiopulmonary and gastrointestinal laboratories.

On the national scene, Baptist Memorial Hospital pioneered in personalized patient care through a visiting hostess program and in housing its medical staff next door in a medical office building.



Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center

899 Madison Avenue, Memphis

■ Licensed beds	1,501
■ Employees	4,529
■ Admissions	44,983
■ Surgical procedures	22,510
■ Emergency Department visits	30,530

Baptist Memorial Hospital also introduced to the health care field the computer for automatic data processing and the concept of monitoring by telemetry a vast range of mechanical equipment through an automated supervisory data center.

And the response of Mid-Southerners to this quality health care has made the 2,068-bed Baptist Memorial Hospital the largest non-profit health care institution in the United States in terms of beds and admissions.

During 1981, Baptist Memorial Hospital provided care for 62,547 admissions.

That's equal to the combined population of the Tennessee cities of Bolivar, Covington, Humboldt, Lexington, Union City, and Germantown.

Physicians performed 35,585 surgical procedures, the equivalent of one operation for every person in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The average daily cost of operating the hospital was \$441,168 and free services, excluding Medicare and Medicaid allowances and bad debts, totaled \$6,447,191.



Baptist Memorial Hospital East

6019 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis

■ Licensed beds	417
■ Employees	1,005
■ Admissions	17,083
■ Surgical procedures	13,075
■ Emergency Department visits	13,200
■ Births	4,917

Technicians gave 188,826 x-ray examinations. That's more than the combined population of Little Rock and West Memphis.

The hospital also provided 4,172,574 laboratory procedures, almost one test for every person living in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Patients consumed an average of 4,470 meals daily and sent to the cleaners 11,328,794 pounds of laundry during the year.

To provide these services, Baptist Memorial Hospital needed a medical staff of 1,007 and 5,844 employees.

But that's history. The clear movement in the hospital field in the future is for institutions to become multi-unit organizations linked

together in a way to provide health services more effectively.

Baptist Memorial Hospital is responding to this opportunity with a



Baptist Memorial Hospital Regional Rehabilitation Center

1025 E. H. Crump Boulevard, Memphis

■ Licensed beds	150
■ Employees	254
■ Admissions	914*
■ Dialysis treatments	18,365

*Includes admission to the following specialized rehabilitation units: stroke & trauma; pulmonary disease; spinal cord injury; pain, geriatric, neurological, and hand.

corporate services program which makes its expertise available throughout the Mid-South.

Already linking themselves to Baptist Memorial Hospital as affiliates are Lauderdale Hospital, Inc., Ripley, Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton, Inc., Covington, Tennessee; Corning Community Hospital, Inc., Corning, Arkansas; and Baptist Memorial Hospital-Booneville, Inc., Booneville, Mississippi.

The structure of the future is Baptist Memorial Health Care System, Inc., which embraces the three Memphis units of Baptist Memorial Hospital, four regional hospital affiliates, and other corporate entities.

According to President Joseph H. Powell, the structure is needed to provide the flexibility necessary to give optimum health care in the 1980's and beyond.

The long range look calls for Baptist Memorial Hospital to continue to develop as a referral center where advanced specialized medical care is used to treat a wide range of complex illnesses.

The foundation for the future remains the same as that for the past.

In the last analysis, it's people serving people.



Baptist Memorial Hospital □ A Ministry of Mississippi Baptists



Bible Book Series



Right understanding of rewards

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton
Matthew 20:1-34

In the Scripture passage for last Sunday's lesson, it was noted that Simon Peter raised the question about what the disciples would receive as a reward for having left homes and all they had. Jesus replied that every one who had given up anything for the cause of Christ would receive a hundredfold in addition to receiving eternal life. But he reminded his disciples that the rewards might not be in keeping with their expectations (cf. 19:30).

I. Laborers and motives (20:1-16)

The parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard has always been difficult for the average person to understand. Some of the difficulty may be due to the fact that we tend to identify with the laborers who toiled all day and felt they should receive more than those who had worked only a short time. We need to remember that the parable was not given to illustrate what an overseer or supervisor should pay and on what principles the payment should be made. If we think along that line, we miss the truth Jesus was trying to illustrate. God does not seek laborers whose motive for serving is a reward of some sort.

We assume that the householder who was looking for laborers was wanting help for the entire harvest period and not just for one day even though he paid them at the end of the day. He needed to know the type workers he was getting and his plan was somewhat of a test. The householder kept his promise to the laborers. To those who were hired the sixth, the ninth, and the eleventh hour no mention of pay was made. Neither did the householder promise pay nor did the laborers request a stated wage. The employer had a right to test the motives of the workers and a right to do what he wanted to with his own.

Thus in answer to Peter's question (and sometimes our own questions) about rewards we can assume that they will not be based on the length of time one is a Christian. The God of life will do what is right. When people start thinking about what they will receive rather than the type of service they render, they open the door to all sorts of unhappiness.

II. A private consultation (20:17-19)

On the way from Perea to Jerusalem Jesus called the disciples apart from the crowds to share the burden on his heart. When he told them of his im-

pending condemnation and death, there is no record of their response. In all probability they could not truly fathom all this was going to mean.

III. A selfish ambition (20:20-28)

That the disciples did not get the full import of the conversation Jesus had with them is manifested in the request of the mother of James and John. A careful reading of the passage seems to indicate that they were with their mother when the request was made, and that the request was made without the knowledge of the other disciples. Matthew reports that when the ten heard about it they became indignant. Mark (in his incident) does not mention their mother but said that James and John made the request (cf. Mark 10:35).

The question of relationships and rewards was not a new one for the disciples. Quite a number of times they had argued about this. Thinking of the kingdom as they did, the question of chief places was a natural one. A king would sit on a throne, have many to advise him, and many to wait on him. Ambition would naturally make each one think of what his place would be.

When Jesus said, "Ye know not what ye ask," he was addressing himself to James and John rather than to their mother. Although Jesus agreed with them about their ability to drink the cup he was about to drink, he could not promise them preferment since this was the prerogative of the Father. Although he did not say it explicitly here, Jesus implied that they should be thinking of service rather than rewards, of doing something for others rather than sitting around waiting for places of honor.

One of the sad facts about human nature is that query on the lips of so many people: what am I going to get out of it, what does it mean to me? Jesus came to earth to serve and not to be served.

IV. A request for mercy (20:29-34)

Jesus and the disciples were now back on the western side of the Jordan still on their way to Jerusalem when two blind men asked for healing. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record this incident near Jericho. Mark (10:46) and Luke (18:35) place the miracle as they were coming to Jericho while Matthew records it "as they went out from Jericho" (20:29).

Mark and Luke also speak of only one man while Matthew reports there were two. It is probable that Mark and Luke reported the more prominent of

the two. The problem of location can be answered very easily since there were two Jerichos—Old Jericho and New Jericho which Herod the Great had constructed. Thus one could be entering one Jericho at about the same time that he was leaving the other.

It is also possible that the man made his request as Jesus was entering the city and the miracle was not performed until he was leaving. The important thing to remember is that the man was healed and that he revealed Jesus as the "Son of David" and that a "great multitude" (20:24) heard this revelation.

Calvary, Tupelo slates prayer seminar Apr. 24

Evelyn Christenson, author of *What Happens When Women Pray, Lord, Change Me, and Gaining Through Losing*, will lead a prayer seminar April 24 at Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.



The "Lord, Change Me" prayer seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Christenson, chairwoman of the Prayer Seminar Committee, states that advance registration will be necessary because of limited seating space. She said "Registration is \$7, which includes lunch. Send name and registration fee with your return address to Prayer Seminar, Calvary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1008, Tupelo, MS 38801."

Mrs. Christenson has conducted prayer seminars all over the United States and in other countries. She is organizer and chairwoman of the board of United Prayer Ministries, a non-profit corporation based in Minnesota.

Be not selfish in thy greed. Look upon thy brother's need. Live for self, you live in vain; live for Christ, you live again. (Thought: The acid test of a Christian is the love and help he extends to those who can be of no possible service to him.)—W. W. Suran, Pineview Baptist Church, Gulfport.



Life and Work Lesson

Paul's response on marriage

By James L. Travis
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University Medical Center
Jackson
I Corinthians 7

In I Corinthians 7 Paul addresses himself to issues about which the Corinthian church had specifically written. Apparently they had raised the question as to whether it would be better to get married or to remain single. As he attempts to understand the Lord's command and fit with that his own interpretation, Paul provides for us several important issues to consider. First of all, this is a clear example of a writer of one of the portions of the Bible distinguishing between what the Lord had commanded and his own interpretation (7:6, 10, 12, 25). Here the New Testament provides us with a model for biblical understanding and interpretation.

It is imperative that we take seriously the written words which have been left for us as an expression of God's revelation. Also, however, it is also absolutely necessary for the modern person to exercise his or her capacity to interpret and apply the truth in the written word to the current situation. This is what Paul was doing. He could refer to some specific commandments that Jesus had left, but he seemed beyond those to give his own interpretation for specific situations that had not been addressed directly in the teachings of Jesus.

A second important issue, which we find in this chapter may be put this way. Paul sowed some seeds which came to fruition much later. His radical emphasis (for that time) on the importance of reciprocity in the marriage relationship is reflected in the modern emphasis on equality in marriage. For Paul this was but a seed. It is obvious from his writings that he is a child of a culture that was male dominated. But as he begins to work out the implications of life in Christ he emphasizes such things as mutual love and respect in a marriage. It is this kind of emphasis that centuries later comes to fruition as we find ourselves breaking out of some of the traditional unequal models of marriage.

Finally, this chapter is a good example of someone being right for the wrong reasons. By that I mean Paul gave great affirmation to remaining single in life.

The reason, however, he gave was

because of the "impending distress" or the imminent coming of the kingdom ("the appointed time has grown very short"). In recent years it has been important in our culture to affirm the appropriateness of remaining single. However, it is obvious that the reason for doing this today is not connected with a concern about the imminent coming of the kingdom. Also, Paul gave as the primary reason for marriage to legitimate and control the human sex drive. While that may remain as a part of the process in getting married, today the value of marriage resides not so much in legalizing sex as it is in providing a relationship of the closest kind of communication and intimacy.

7:1, 7-9, 25-26—**Marriage vs. Singleness:** Paul jumps back and forth in this chapter in answering the question which had to do with the advisability of getting married. It comes through very clear, as much as Paul tries to give a balance in his answer, that he feels strongly that the single state is by far to be desired. It is important for us to recognize, however, that Paul does struggle so as to remain open to the validity of being married as well as remaining single.

Some have suggested that Paul had been married (thus, being qualified as a member of the Sanhedrin) since he seemed to know something about the marriage relationship. However, it is clear that at the time of this writing Paul was not married. His reasons for promoting singleness, namely, so as to be unfettered by family responsibility (thus able to devote more time and energy to the work of the Lord) and the impending judgment and coming of the kingdom of God, are no longer primary reasons in a decision whether or not to marry. However, what we should understand out of this is Paul's affirmation that it is all right to remain single in life.

In our culture, which has become so "couple" oriented, the single person who wanted to be part of a church and community sometimes experienced considerable difficulty. This would hold especially for those who were single again by divorce or death. It is only in recent years that churches have taken seriously a ministry to individuals who were not married. The summary to this given by Paul is in verse 17: "Let everyone lead the life which the Lord has assigned to him."

"Whether married or unmarried,

slave or free, circumcised, or uncircumcised, one's place in life is as valuable as any other place.

7:2-6, 10, 11—**Reciprocity in Marriage:** Again while Paul seemed to promote the idea of marriage primarily if not exclusively as a way of controlling and legitimating the human sex drive, he did have some important things to say about mutuality in the marriage relationship. This is where he suggests some important principles which probably go even further than he himself realized.

Coming out of a patriarchal culture, for Paul to stress as much as he did the mutual responsibility in marriage between a husband and a wife is a radical step. This applies both to the question of divorce as well as the sexual relationship. In this passage Paul acknowledges the power of the sex drive, but it is not viewed as a totally negative aspect of life. He indicates that in a marriage relationship the awareness and sensitivity of each spouse to the other can provide the setting in which God's love and grace can grow and be shared with others.

It is important to note that in contrast to some of his other writings in which he talked about the husband being the head of the wife, here he makes no such references but uses language that suggests full reciprocity and equality within the relationship. This is the beauty of the written word of God, that even though it reflects in great measure the culture within which it was formulated, there are imbedded those powerful truths which come to full expression later both historically and in the consciousness of those who continue to struggle in an attempt to understand the Bible.

Off the Record

Three boys were bragging about their dads.

"My dad writes a couple of lines," the first boy said, "calls it a poem and gets \$50 for it."

"My dad makes dots on paper, calls it a song," the second said, "and gets \$75 for it."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "My dad writes a sermon on a sheet of paper, gets up in the pulpit and reads it, and it takes four men to bring the money in."

35-year, 25-year pins awarded Morris, Starnes in Thailand

Three missionaries, with Mississippi ties, have received pins recognizing their long terms of service in Thailand.

Glenn and Polly Morris were awarded 35-year missionary service pins at the annual meeting of the Thailand Baptist Mission held at the Baptist Encampment in Pattaya. Morris, a graduate of Mercer University and Southern Seminary, later attended Yale University. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia. His wife, the former Polly Love, is from Hattiesburg, Miss. She is a graduate of Mississippi Women's College (now William Carey) WMU Training School (now part of SBTS) and attended Yale University.

The Morrises were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946. They were language students in Peking, China, 1947-48. He became a seminary teacher in Tsingtao, China, 1948-49 and later in Shanghai 1949-50. She had a home and church ministry in Tsingtao and Shanghai.

The Morrises moved to Thailand in 1952 where he became president of the newly founded Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary and served in this capacity from 1952 to 1973 when the Thailand government required that a Thai national become headteacher. Morris then became dean of the seminary and has remained in the position to the present.

Mrs. Morris opened a Baptist Book Store in Bangkok in 1952 and also continued a home and church ministry. She continues in these ministries, but more than 25 years ago she trained a national to manage the bookstore, and today (for years) Mrs. Wilma Cheewewatana heads up this work with Mrs. Morris as consultant. For the past four or five years this has freed her to have a ministry in the Indochinese Refugee Transit Centers in Bangkok, meeting needs of hundreds of refugees going to Third Countries.

The Morrises have one child, J.



Fanny Starnes, Thailand Baptist Mission treasurer, receives a 25-year missionary service pin from Ronald C. Hill, Thailand Baptist Mission administrator. (Photo by Maxine Stewart)

Glenn Morris, Jr. who is doing a third year residency in internal medicine at Emory Medical School in Atlanta.

25-year

Fanny Starnes was awarded a 25-year missionary service pin at the annual meeting of the Thailand Baptist Mission held at the Baptist Encampment in Pattaya, Thailand. Starnes, a graduate of Louisiana College and

New Orleans Seminary, is from Hattiesburg. She was appointed as a missionary in 1955 for Thailand.

She worked in publication, then transferred to Haadyai, where she was engaged in evangelism. She then moved back to Bangkok to serve as secretary in the mission office. She was elected by the FMB as the mission treasurer in 1967, a post she still fills.



Polly and Glenn Morris receive 35-year mission service pins from Ronald C. Hill, Thailand Baptist Mission administrator. (Photo by Maxine Stewart)

Devotional

Win at all cost

By Robin Nichols, consultant
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Luka 9:48b

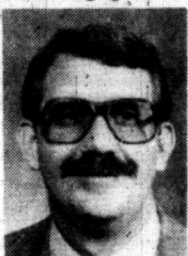
Many folks today, especially athletes and coaches, would have us believe that "winning is the only thing." If that is the case, then what does it matter how one wins? If "nice guys finish last" how do we relate to that perfect "nice guy" who finished nailed to a cross?

Rules may be violated and laws may be broken when winning becomes most important. Everything besides winning can become secondary. Some indeed do anything to win. Church softball or basketball teams may destroy a youth's self-image by not allowing him/her to play in a series of games in hopes that better players may secure a victory.

Built-in moral standards are the only way to prevent cheating, hurting, or robbing. This is difficult to write because as one who loves to win in any competition, especially tennis, I realize my Christian ethics are always on the line. Was the ball really out or just close enough to call out? Unless one is deeply convinced that there is no glory or real pain to be had from winning by foul means, there is little to sustain one in the use of fair means and sportsmanship-like behavior. This is true in business endeavors, family relations, athletic competition and any arena of life.

In Church Training one can discuss and learn the ins and outs of Christian ethics. Christ bids us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Could that mean giving another the benefit in doubt?

Sydney J. Harris said, "Winning can never be the most important thing, because how you win determines what you are and what you are determines your values, to yourself and to everybody else." When Jesus said, "He that is least among you all, the same shall be great," we were being told that some real winners are not those whose names appear in the winning column.



Nichols

Uniform Lesson

Jesus proclaims a new life-style

By Louie H. Farmer, Jr.
Hattiesburg
Luka 6:27-38

New Testament Greek has three words which we translate into the English word "love." English is very poor here since it has only one word for love. In current usage there are many meanings for this one word. It expresses everything from divine emotion to the most base human emotion and action.

Love is the key to the life-style that Jesus proclaims for us in today's lesson. This is a different life-style, very unlike that portrayed in the modern novel, magazine, movie or television show. It is permeated by love, mercy and peace.

I. Love—the Christian way (Luka 6:27-31)

A. Jesus made the strange assertion that his followers should love their enemies. This is an unnatural thing to do. However, some of the Old Testament writers had approached this idea. Compare Proverbs 25:21 where we are told to feed a hungry enemy.

We are not told who the enemy is. Each of us will interpret it differently as we identify our own enemies. It may be an unfair employer, a disloyal employee, an irritating neighbor or almost anyone.

B. "Do good to those who hate you." This will drive the hate out of you and, in all likelihood, ultimately drive the hate out of the other. The alternative is to become like the one who hates you. Any man who carries hate in his heart lives a miserable life.

C. "Bless them that curse you and pray for them which despitefully use you." This is mainly a matter of attitude. It is essentially showing Christian love toward those we would naturally resent. To avoid this natural reaction we should pray for them. Praying for others always puts us in a better relationship with them even if they resent it.

D. Jesus shows us how to handle insults and hurts by saying if someone hits you on one cheek you should not strike back but should turn the other cheek to let him hit it as well. Among Christians there is no place for retaliation or getting even.

E. If someone takes away your outer garment you should offer him your inner coat also. This and the next two statements would cause chaos in the world if they were taken completely literally. You will need to find out why

your garment was stolen. If the thief were cold, and this was the only way he could protect himself from the weather, then you should ask yourself what you would do in similar circumstances. This is not mere situation ethics. It means that you should show love toward him and try to help him. On the other hand, it does not mean that you should stand by meekly and let every Tom, Dick, and Harry carry off everything you possess. That sort of philosophy would result in a society of chaos.

The same interpretation must be applied to "Give to everyone who asks" and to the suggestion that we not ask for the return of goods taken from us. Each of these cases must be examined in the light of Jesus' completely new life-style and appropriate action should be taken. The new life-style does not mean that we are to be spineless. Sometimes to show love is the more difficult reaction.

F. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." We call this the Golden Rule. It is found in most religions of the world, but in negative form: "Do not do anything to others that you would not want them to do to you."

Islam has it in the positive form as a heritage from Christianity. Even the Ten Commandments are largely negative. The Golden Rule is a basic principle of Christianity meant for all Christians.

II. Love compared to the world's way (Luka 6:32-36)

This section answers some of the anticipated objections to Jesus' new life-style. It shows that Jesus expects more of his followers than he could see exhibited in the world around him.

A. Love—the world's way, verse 32. We said above that the Greek language in which the New Testament was written has three words for love. The first of these is *eros*, which means romantic love or the love of husband and wife. The world has made love to mean the intimate relations of man and woman, whether married or not. It has almost become a "nasty word."

The second word for love is *phileo*, which means the love between friends. A derivative of *phileo* is *Philadelphia* (brotherly love).

The third word for love is *agape*, which is the love God has for people, and Christians should have for other people.

It is possible for love to be a selfish thing. We may do acts that seem to be expressions of love but actually are efforts to get acceptance, appreciation or rewards in return. Jesus said that if we love only the people that it will profit us to love, there is no credit to us, for even the world does that. His new life-style requires that Christians do better.

B. Lending—the world's way, verse 34. This verse does not refer to legitimate business lending. Jesus endorsed the payment of fair interest in the parable of the talents. It refers to helping someone in need because we have love for him and not because he can return the favor.

C. Reward—the Christian way, verses 35-36. If we do these things with the right spirit we will have a great reward for that is the way God does them. We should be merciful because he is merciful.

III. The end results—the Christian way (Luka 6:37-38)

A. We are neither to judge or condemn others because we cannot look into their hearts as God can. We should forgive others. To forgive and not to condemn are representative elements of Jesus' new life-style. If we live the sort of life that is characterized by such a style we will receive the same sort of treatment in return.

B. From the standpoint of what this life-style can do for us, the heart of the lesson is in verse 38. "For the measure you give will be the measure you get back" (RSV).

Names in the News

Jimmy Cutrell Appreciation Day was held at First Church, Gulfport on Sunday, Jan. 3, on Cutrell's 10th anniversary as minister of music there. The congregation gave him a new 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass in appreciation for his service.

George Pegler was ordained Jan. 17 as a deacon at Woolmarket Church, Gulf Coast.

Michael D. Johnson, administrative assistant in the office of the provost at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been elected as the first full-time director of the new Seminary Satellite Department.